



Tennessee Licensure Policy

State Board Meeting

6-30-14

Licensure Actions

August 2013

SBE approves policy that ties licensure to educator performance

Spring 2014

Legislative actions:
1) Prohibit use of TVAAS for licensure non-renewal
2) Allow renewal waiver for highly effective educators

January 2014

SBE rescinds portion of policy regarding advancement and renewal

Spring 2014

SBE staff and TDOE engage with stakeholder groups on advancement and renewal criteria

Revised Criteria

- Follow direction set by General Assembly and SBE
- Maintain principles of current policy and practice for advancement and renewal
- Allow educators to receive credit for meeting or exceeding expectations on annual evaluations

License Types

■ **Practitioner**

- Initial license conferred to new teachers
- 3 years; renewable once

■ **Professional**

- License issued to practitioners who have met advancement requirements
- 6 years; renewable

Advancement

To be eligible for advancement to the Professional License, the educator must:

- Successfully complete an approved preparation program
- Submit qualifying scores on all required assessments
- Have three years of teaching experience
- Receive a recommendation from a Director of Schools

– OR –

Accrue 30 Professional Learning Credits

Renewal

To renew the Professional License, the educator must accrue a minimum of 60 professional learning credits.

Professional Learning Credits

Professional Learning Credits (PLCs) can be earned in a variety of ways, including:

Activity	PLCs
Professional Development (e.g., Seminars, Conferences)	1 clock hour = 1 PLC
College-level Coursework	3 credit course = 30 PLCs
National Board Certification	30 PLCs
Overall Performance on annual evaluation	5 = 20 PLCs 4 = 15 PLCs 3 = 10 PLCs